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WESLEY, THE WORLD, AND THE WINNING

John Wesley was born in 1703 and The Methodist Church has far-reaching plans for the commemoration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of that birth.

Important as an impetus in this direction was the action taken by the Ecumenical Conference at Oxford, England, August 28—September 7, 1951, when it was proposed that a World Wide Mission of Evangelism be undertaken in 1953 by all branches of Methodism.

The General Conference last May added its own support by declaring:

"We believe that God has a word for World Methodism. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are being led to a clearer recognition and fuller understanding of the essential and timeless contribution of World Methodism, not only to the Church Universal, but to the millions we are commissioned to win to Christ and His Church.

"We have considered the possibilities of a world wide, simultaneous Mission. We believe that a World Methodism spiritually equipped for such an adventure might change the currents of contemporary history and write a new chapter in the Acts of the Apostles."

Here is the resolution adopted by the General Conference:

Whereas the World Methodist Council at its last session in Oxford, England, recommended that a world wide simultaneous evangelistic mission be carried out in all the Methodist churches of the world in 1953; and

"*Whereas* the year 1953 will mark the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, the illustrious founder of Methodism,

"*Therefore, be it resolved* that the General Conference of The Methodist Church:

"1. Cooperate to the fullest extent in this Evangelistic Campaign recommended by the World Methodist Council and urge the participation of all our churches.

"2. Identify specifically this world wide evangelistic programme in 1953 with the commemoration of the birth of John Wesley, who said, "The world is my parish."

"3. Designate the time from World Wide Communion Sunday, October 5, 1952, to Watch Night Service, December 31, 1952, as a period of intensive evangelistic preparation; and

"5. Designate the year 1953 as a period of world wide evangelism with Pentecost Sunday, which in the year 1953 falls on Aldersgate Sunday, May 24, as one of the high points of emphasis for the entire period.

"5. Instruct the Board of Evangelism to inaugurate, implement, and carry out this world wide evangelistic programme.

"6. Make this world wide evangelistic movement an integral part of whatever forward movement the General Conference may adopt for the ensuing quadrennium and instruct the Council of Bishops, the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Missions, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Board of Education, the Board of Lay Activities, the Methodist Publishing House, and other appropriate agencies of the church to cooperate in the promotion of this evangelisic campaign."

Malacca Will Be Ready

Malaya Annual Conference will convene in its fifty-eighth session at Malacca, January 2-6, 1953. It will be the first time the Conference has met in the historic Settlement.

The programme committee, with the Rev. W. S. Reinoehl as chairman, is at work and preparations are under way which will make delegates and visitors comfortable during their visit to the city. The first meeting of the committee was held on October 2.

Committee meetings will be held in the morning and afternoon of Friday, January 2, and will be followed by the Conference reception and then by the service of Holy Communion and the organisation of the Conference.

Meals are to be provided at Shellabear Hall and accommodations for sleeping will be centred there and at the other buildings in the Bickley Park compound. Most of the meetings will be held at the Methodist Girls' School hall.

A provisional programme and registration forms were sent to each delegate in mid-November and it is requested that they be returned not later than December 15.

The committee on accommodations is composed of Mrs. Charles E. Shumaker, chairman, Miss Virginia Bunn, Miss Adelaide Martin, Mrs. W. S. Reinoehl, Mr. Charles E. Shumaker.

Miss Yong Loh Lian heads the food committee and will be assisted by Mrs. J. S. Ayaduray and Mrs. Yong Fu Kong.

Mr. Reinoehl will have the following helpers in the committee on reception: Mr. Low Kway Song, the Rev. V. A. Subramaniam, Mrs. Wong Soon Cheong, Mrs. J. S. Ayaduray, with the Woman's Societies of Christian Service of the Wesley and Tamil Churches in charge of plans.

Mr. Reinoehl is working on the programme committee with the Rev. V. A. Subramaniam, Mr. and Mrs. Loh Hung Loon, Miss Bunn, and Mr. Shumaker.

Mr. Loh Hung Loon is in charge of arrangements, with Mrs. Loh, Mrs. Reinoehl, and Mrs. Wong Quie Sem assisting.

Fraternal delegates will be welcomed by Mr. Reinoehl, the Rev. Theodore Runyan, the Rev. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr., and the Rev. V. A. Subramaniam.

The Woman's Societies will operate the Tuck Shop; and Mr. Shumaker will be responsible for music for the Conference. Mr. Lam Yet Seng is chairman of the committee on hosts.

At a second meeting held on November 5, at Shellabear Hall, reports of progress were made and registration forms were readied for sending to delegates as they are elected by the quarterly conferences.

IN BURMA IT'S VISION AND HARD WORK

The 1952 Session of the Burma Annual Conference

ROBERT C. HOWARD

Our Conference is a small one. Yet due to the organisation of The Methodist Church, its annual meeting, held this year at Rangoon, October 1-5, is no less significant than any other Conference the world over.

It is a time for each person to gain better knowledge of the entire work within the Burma Conference. We are made up of five language groups, and, unless we come together, we are likely to miss something of what the other Methodists are doing, even within our own boundaries.

Naturally, the predominant language of the people is Burmese. However, as long as the British Government controlled, English was a second language. So a general meeting of church people usually resolves itself into as comfortable a balance as is possible between the two languages; while here and there is a bit of quiet whispering, in case additional clarification is needed. We have Burmese, Telegu, Tamil, Chinese, and English churches, schools, and centres of service in lower Burma.

One could not help feel something of sadness and fellow-feeling for China, as we welcomed to our Conference three new workers whose seasoned careers in China as missionaris were interrupted. They are a rich blessing to the field here. They are Dr. and Mrs. George W. Hollister and Miss Etha Nagler. (Editor's note: Miss Nagler is at Kingswood School, Kalaw, and the Hollisters are working with the English Church as well as the Scots' Kirk, in Rangoon. The Rev. Frank E. Manton, when he and Mrs. Manton return from furlough, will be superintendent of the Rangoon District.)

I particularly like to hear the pastors' reports and also the reports of the district superintendents. As is usually true of our colleagues, their reports indicated vision mixed with hard work. And yet each has a keen insight into the revolutionary issues of the times, that tempers his judgment to a keen edge in understanding, planning, and interpreting today's world. The meeting of our Conference is a time of careful deliberation. Since the group is small, each of us feels deeply the significance and relevance of the questions to be decided. It is not a light thing to vote without constant thought and prayer.

Two guest speakers stand out in our minds. Dr. Irma Highbaugh of the International Missionary Council's committee on home life is here in Burma at the present. Her evening address claimed our earnest attention. Her subject seems nearer to our concern now, as steps were taken by the Conference to preach, to study, and to spread the best literature concerning the Christian home.

The other guest speaker was welcomed back home. The Rev. T. Thangaraj had spent the previous year studying sociology in America. His devotion to the cause and contribution of the industrial worker to society and to the Church has made him a touchstone in the life of the Church as it relates to the community. We elected this man last year as our ministerial delegate to the General Conference. His report gave us much joy and information regarding the Church at large.

The cause and programme of the Burma Christian Council were represented. The speaker was the Union of Burma Minister in Karen State, the Honourable Mrs. Ba Maung Chain. It was a timely message delivered with earnest conviction. The Conference was further blessed by significant reports from our Methodist schools, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and an exhibit of books and a report from the Christian Literature Society of Burma.

Some of the high points of any Methodist Annual Conference come in the services of ordination. This year we are happy to have added to our ministerial membership the Rev. George R. Beadon. For twenty-four years Mr. Beadon has served The Methodist Church in Burma. His labours as a local preacher have been on a voluntary basis, since he holds a high and trusted position as a trained accountant in a leading business company of Burma. In

recognition of his conspicuous service and high qualifications, he was ordained a deacon and admitted into full membership of the Conference.

At this Conference time, Bishop Raymond L. Archer has visited us for nearly a month. His presence has been most helpful. In all he has aroused feelings of trust and brotherly love. We appreciate his leadership and work among us.

The programme of our Conference allowed time for wholesome fellowship, entertainment, and recreation. The Board of Christian Education was host to the teachers of Rangoon's church-related schools at an afternoon tea. Later in the week a picnic was enjoyed. The whole Conference was characterised by honest hard work, inspiring fellowship, and the blessings of congregational worship.

NEW WORLD OUTLOOK EDITOR

Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, Jr., is now editor of *World Outlook*, Methodist missionary journal, and also editorial secretary of the Division of Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions.

Dr. Elmer T. Clark, who has previously been editor, will devote full time now to his work as Executive Secretary of the World Methodist Council and the Association of Methodist Historical Societies.

Miss Dorothy McConnell is co-editor of *World Outlook*.

They Heard and Wondered

A Malaysia Message Sermon

TRACEY K. JONES

Pastor of Wesley Church, Singapore.

Luke 2: 16-18—"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds."

"And all they who heard it wondered. . . . . ."

Some of the most interesting characters in this story are not mentioned by name. They are those who heard what the shepherds had to say—and wondered.

I would like to suggest who some of those people might have been.

There was the inn-keeper. He had seen many strange things that day. Earlier in the evening a man and his wife had come to his door seeking a room for the night. He had advised them to go elsewhere. He vaguely recalled that they had gone into his stable, but that was not his concern if they wished to sleep with the animals. A bit later he had come out of the inn. It was a beautiful clear night. He looked up at the stars and then walked towards the stable just as several shepherds stumbled out. Their faces were flushed with excitement. They babbled to him something about a star leading them to this place and the birth of a King-Messiah.

The inn-keeper wondered for a moment, and then he laughed. He must have told the story as a joke to his friends. To think that the Messiah for whom the Jews had so long waited would be born in a stable, and his small, dirty stable at that! It was the joke of the year!

But it was no joke. The inn-keeper had failed to understand the mysterious and awesome ways of God. God had revealed himself, as he so often does, in an unexpected place and through unexpected people. The birth of Jesus in a stable will never let us forget this.

When Napoleon was at his peak of power, ruler of Europe, and living in a magnificent palace, there was in England a cobbler named William Carey. Yet what William Carey started more profoundly affected the world than did Napoleon, for Carey was the first Protestant missionary. When he left England as a missionary to India, many wondered and laughed. They laughed for the same reason that the inn-keeper laughed. They did not understand the mysterious ways in which God works. Since the days of Carey, the Church has spread into every corner of the world, and this is only the beginning.

God in Christ continues to reveal himself in unexpected places. Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, unquestionably one of the greatest church historians living today, suggests that God has always done this, and he predicts, "It may well be that the great resurgence of the Christian faith, the new fountain of vitality and missionary faith in Christ, may come not too many years hence from China and India."

Some hear these words, wonder, and then laugh, for how could the small Christian minorities of Asia become the major source of missionary vitality in the world Church! It can happen for it has happened before. Who can see Mary and Joseph in a stable with their baby and not realize how strange indeed are the ways of God.

The inn-keeper wondered and laughed. Poor fellow! He never understood that God chooses the unexpected.

But there were others besides the inn-keeper. The shepherds had not gone far until they encountered a young intellectual. When he heard the news from the shepherds, he wondered and then cursed.

He cursed and ridiculed them for their theology was all wrong. The very suggestion that the Messiah would enter the world as a helpless baby was an offence to the mind. The intellectuals of that time expected a full-grown Messiah. The Zealots expected him to wield a sword; the Essenes, another Jewish group, more pietistic and spiritual, believed he would usher in the Final Day of Judgment; the Pharisees thought of him as a white angel who would call for righteousness and a return to the Law. All expected the Messiah to appear full-grown out of the clouds. He might be an angel of one kind or another, but certainly not a baby!

This has continued to be an offence to the human mind. There are still those who hear this only to wonder and then curse and ridicule. A baby is a sign of weakness, not a sign of strength. Yet at Christmas time on deeper reflection we can see that this is the only sign of real strength. It was this sign that God made clear in the Christ Child. Our hope lies in children! They are the strength of the future.

It is for this reason that new hope always surges into the human breast during the Christmas season. We look upon the small face of the baby in the crib, or the joy of the children on Christmas morning, and we remember that God did not consider it weakness to enter the world himself in the form of a child. Our hope is in the young.

The intellectual wondered and cursed. Poor fellow! He never understood how important the Child was in

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Editorial

THE CHILD IS AT THE CENTRE

That Jesus came into the world as a little child is no accident. It was in the Great Plan of God and it has given to children a place of privilege at Christmas time. We have done well to build our Yuletide celebration about the joys of the home and the love for our children for, as the Saviour put it, "of such is the Kingdom."

Who can forget the rapture in the face of a little girl when she first sets eyes upon a new doll on Christmas morning? Or a boy when he holds in his own hands the coveted toy which the good Saint has left under the tree?

Christmas carols never sound so sweet as when little children, serious-faced and open-mouthed, are singing them, and this must be because they come nearer in spirit to the angels' melody than so many of us adults. And in our Sunday School nativity pageants, it is the unabashed naturalness of the child-actors that most impresses us—especially if we are the parents of the children who perform.

The Christ-Child can be enthroned in the hearts of our children if He is born anew in the hearts of their parents.

"Jesus is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us He knew:"
"Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child."

"SING WE ALL NOEL"

There is no lovelier Christmas tradition than the singing of the familiar and favourite carols. We do it, no doubt, in imitation of the heavenly host, who began the custom when they announced to the shepherds on the hillside the "good tidings of great joy."

Because most of the carols proclaim this joyous news, the title of Noels, nowells, or novelles, has become associated with them. From the time of Aurelius Prudentius, in the fourth century, poets and musicians have given to us a goodly number of carols which tell the old, old story in ways more exquisitely appealing than the finest sermon.

A collection of these carols was first made by Thomas Tysdale in 1562. In England "waits", or groups of Christians, would go about the villages singing in the homes and on the streets at Christmas time. From this custom have come our carol-singing bands today.

Now we would not wish to say anything which would take away from the beauty and glory of this tradition nor from the pattern in which it accommodates itself in Southeast Asia.

However, in many places the custom has somewhat degenerated by the addition of features which are not in the original spirit of the angels and which are calculated to subtract from the true meaning of the good tidings.

We therefore dare to make these suggestions to our Methodist Youth Fellowships and to churches which organise carol parties:

1. The itinerary for the visits should be planned ahead of time, in cooperation with other caroling groups. It should not be necessary always to notify a household when and that you are coming. But you yourself should know.

2. Make an effort to visit the homes of people who are ill, aged, or shut-in, not simply those persons who would be most likely to contribute money to your cause. Consult your pastor as to which members of the Church would appreciate a visit.

3. When you enter a home, sing the more familiar carols. People like them best. Try to include the songs which such people will request if they are given the opportunity.

4. It is not required to sing all stanzas of all carols, Avoid having to depend on sheets of paper or on hymn-books. If you select only two stanzas of most hymns you can do it from memory.

5. Christmas Eve is hardly the time for fancy-dress. A Christmas party should be held at some other time.

6. Do not eat and drink at every place you visit. Try to arrange two or three refreshment times during the evening and plan with the families where you expect to make such stops. Not many of us can sing lustily when we are full of curry puffs, Cold Storage cakes, and orange crush, but some groups attempt to do it as midnight on Christmas Eve comes round.

7. Don't stay out all night. There is no Scriptural record that the angelic host did, just as there is no evidence that they received money for their efforts. A better way to glorify God would be to get to bed at a reasonable time—say, midnight—and to meet together later for breakfast and the Christmas morning church service. It is more important to worship the new-born King than to lie in bed on Christmas Day in order to catch up on your sleep.

8. If you have so many places to visit that you feel you must stay up later, divide your list more carefully with other groups which are visiting some of the very same homes.

Yours for a blessed Christmas season! May the people in your town, when you come on Christmas Eve, be reminded of the angels!

AMERICA CHOOSES

Twenty years of rule by the Democratic Party came to an end in the United States of America on November 4, when Dwight David Eisenhower was elected the nation's thirty-third president by an overwhelming and impressive majority.

It had been a colourful and, for the most part, soul-searching campaign. President-elect Eisenhower's opponent, Governor Adlai E. Stevenson of the state of Illinois, emerged as a national lgure of considerable stature, a reform executive, and an orator such as has not been heard since the passing of Franklin D. Roosevelt. It would have been difficult for the American people to err regardless of which man was chosen. That both men were at first reluctant to contest the election is to their credit. But neither lacked in spirit as the campaign drew to a climax in late October.

Despite sober warnings from certain sections of the Malayan press, we do not believe Asia, nor the Free World as a whole, need have fears because of the election of Mr. Eisenhower.

A man whose qualities of leadership found expression in a succession of military assignments since his graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1915, Eisenhower was a tank instructor in World War I and saw service in the "peaceful years" in Panama, the Philippines, and France. He was thrust into huge responsibility in 1942 when he became commanding general of the European Theatre of Operations, a responsibility that culminated in the planning and execution of the invasion in Normandy which opened the second front, June 6, 1944.

Following the successful negotiation of a peace settlement with Germany, Eisenhower went to Washington as Chief of Staff of the United States Army and then in 1948 was inaugurated president of Columbia University. His work there was interrupted by the call to duty as head of the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe, with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, in 1950.

We do not believe this record means that the world should fear military domination from Washington. His role as general during the War and as a diplomat-extraordinary in the latest European assignment rather indicates his stature as a leader who is abreast of the issues which make up the direction of foreign policy. He is pledged to a more vigorous attitude—and a realistic one—toward the strife and unrest in Asia and toward the new nations which have come into being in this part of the world.

There is bound to be manifold evidence of determination to provide good government for it is still true that "a new broom sweeps clean." But we believe there will be no radical departure from the general aims and purposes which have guided the Government under the Democrats when a series of progressive measures were enacted for the welfare of the people. The tired, worn look will undoubtedly go from Washington. Eisenhower's campaign promise to visit Korea may have been fulfilled when these lines are read.

DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER

Elected the thirty-third president of the United States of America, on November 4. He will be inaugurated at Washington, D. C., January 20.

Other Nations need have no fear that isolationists will wrest control of foreign policy and thwart the General's good intentions. Senator Robert A. Taft, whose name is most frequently mentioned when this fear is voiced, is not actually an isolationist. He will figure prominently, of course, and his attitude in these matters is on the conservative side, but it should be borne in mind that his leadership was definitely repudiated by the Republicans at Chicago last July when Eisenhower was nominated for the highest office in the land.

The new President is a man of firm religious faith whose roots are deep in America's midwest farm belt. Time and again during the campaign, this sincere religious note was struck, and we believe it will be an important factor in the days ahead. That is the fondest hope of those of us who wish to see America assume needed leadership in the moral and spiritual realm, to be a Christian nation as well as one which says it is.

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"THAT ALL MAY BE ONE"

RONALD FINDLAY

Secretary, Burma Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship

Methodist High School, Syriam, was the scene of the 1952 Burma Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship Institute, October 17—19. Syriam is a pleasant revival spot which is across the river from Rangoon. It is well known for the oil refinery of the Burma Oil Company, Limited.

Theme for the Institute was "That All May Be One." Erudite speakers were invited to address the young people on these topics: "That All May Be One—in the Home," "That All May Be One—Among the Races," and "That All May Be One—in the Church." The concept of "oneness" developed in these addresses and the discussions which followed them did not result in the idea of "sameness" as a goal. There will be differences, delegates felt,

This group of young people enjoyed their fellowship hour in sunset devotional while others were playing football and participating in other sports.

in the home, among the races, and in the Church. And yet, in spite of this seeming diversity, we can strive for spiritual unity. "Oneness" does not mean conformity, but rather unity in spirit and purpose.

There were in all nearly 250 delegates to the Institute. This number included many out-station MYFers in addition to delegates from local chapters. Burmese, Chinese and Southern Indians were the chief racial groups represented. During the Institute it was cheering to see so many instances of good will and understanding among these different races. The meaning of the "F" in MYF was clearly illustrated at the Institute.

We were honoured by the presence of Bishop Raymond L. Archer. His keen interest in our activities vastly encouraged us and his inspiring sermons had their inevitable effect upon the minds and hearts of our MYFers.

The ratification of the Burma Conference MYF constitution at our business meeting was a milestone in our development. Hitherto we had been functioning in a rather haphazard way but now we have a set of hard and fast rules to guide us.

Malayan MYFers may be interested to know that Mr. Chan Kim Tun, Daw Khin Sone, and Mrs. D. Virjee, all of whom attended the All-Malaya MYF Institute at Penang in 1950, are all officers in the new cabinet of the Burma Conference MYF, as treasurer, chairman of the commission on missions and world friendship, and joint secretary, respectively.

Our new president for 1952-53 is Dr. Hla Thwin, recently returned from study in the United States and now a lecturer in psychology at Rangoon University. We are proud to have so learned a person as leader. He served as Dean for the Institute, and he did his job so well that he became the automatic choice for president when the election was held on the last day of our meetings. Incidentally, he is a younger brother of our last president, Dr. Nyunt Thwin.

Other cabinet members include: vice-president, U Kyaw Nyein; secretary, Ronald Findlay; chairman of the commission on worship and evangelism, Ko Mya Thin; chairman of the commission on community service, D. Gnanapragasam; chairman of the commission on recreation and culture, Mg Thein Thwin.

An indication of the growing strength of the Burma MYF is the fact that for the first time in three years the cabinet was able to finance the Institute from its own funds.

We are looking forward to an even brighter future throughout the coming year, and intend to join with fellow MYFers in Malaya and other parts of Southeast Asia in putting "Christ Above All" in their section of the world.

Instituters were ferried back to Rangoon after the Institute. On board the launch are: Dr. Hla Thwin, president of Burma Conference MYF; Bishop Raymond L. Archer; Mr. Ronald Findlay, secretary of the Conference MYF; and the Rev. Robert C. Howard, counsellor.

RA 591 was one of the trucks hired to transport delegates to the Burma Methodist Youth Fellowship Institute, at Syriam, October 17—19. Bishop Raymond L. Archer was a featured speaker.

Time of Dedication at Twante

Dedication of the parsonage in Twante, marked a high point in rehabilitation and development of Methodist work in this Burmese centre. The work of the church has progressed under handicaps due to the destruction left after Japanese occupation and to the disturbance of insurgents since the close of the war. Within a few miles of Twante, whole settlements have moved across the river to escape some of these difficulties and to make community life and the education of children possible under present unsettled conditions.

The dedication of the new home was the occasion for services at the new building and for a concert in the nearby Methodist School, of which Daw Sien Thit, wife of the District Superintendent, U On Kin, is principal. The girls' hostel was open for inspection. Present for the occasion were a number of missionaries, several of whom had not made the trip before; Miss Hazel Winslow and Miss Maurine Cavett, long time missionaries in Burma; Dr. Irma Highbaugh, expert on family life from the International Christian Council; Mrs. George Hollister, wife of the pastor of the English Methodist Church, Rangoon; the Rev. Haniel Jones, of the Burmese Church, Rangoon; the Rev. Robert Howard, of Scots' Kirk, Rangoon; and Miss Helen M. Loomis, W.D.C.S. missionary and president of the Malaya Conference W.S.C.S.

Christian communities, both Methodist and Baptist, for a number of miles around, sent representatives to the dedication, and young people to participate in the concert which followed the religious services.

About 75 people witnessed the cutting of the ribbons at the entrance by the Rev. Haniel Jones. After this ceremony, guests assembled is the living room of the new parsonage where the service of dedication was held. The pastor, U Po Sein, and his wife, were seated at the front. The Kon Wet Kyaung Choir, from a neighbouring town, sang two anthems. The District Superintendent, U On Kim delivered the address of dedication.

Before the ceremonies all guests from neighbouring towns and Twante were served luncheon. After the services guests from Rangoon with representatives of local government and other visitors were entertained at the home of U On Kim.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Our children are blessed at Christmas time;
All children are: for 'twas the boy
Of Bethlehem who brought love's peace
To every house, in every clime
Where He abides. "Good tidings!" "Great joy!"
In your home—in ours—and never cease!

RETREAT AT IPOH: PLANS AND PRAYERS

"Enlisting our Resources" was the theme of the regional retreat sponsored by the Board of Evangelism of the Malaya Annual Conference, October 17 and 18, for pastors, principals, and leaders of the Woman's Societies of Christian Service.

Meeting at Ipoh, delegations from the Central Malaya, Perak, and Northern Malaya districts considered a number of practical suggestions for reaching the people with the Christian message and for a spiritual undergirding for the task awaiting them in the World Wide Mission of Evangelism which began on World Communion Sunday, October 5, and will continue through 1953.

With the Rev. J. Harry Haines, chairman of the Board of Evangelism, and the Rev. Paul K. Snead, principal of the Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh, as hosts, the retreat began at 11.00 a.m. on October 17 with a devotional period in which Mr. Haines pointed to the "lostness of our generation" and suggested that the command of Christ to witness to the good news is "the Divine imperative."

Featured in the afternoon session that day were presentations by Dr. Ho Seng Ong on "Evangelism in the School" and Miss Helen Desjardins on "Evangelism in the Church School." Both leaders called for a frank and open approach to the matter of making the two avenues for evangelistic opportunity more Christian.

On the second morning, the Rev. Waldo S. Reinoehl, who has been visiting many of our Methodist stations in Malaya in the interest of better-organised evangelistic endeavours in the schools, spoke on "Problems in Evangelism." The final presentation, "Preaching for a Verdict," was made by Mr. Haines, who sought to convince the delegates that the work we are doing is urgent and must be undertaken with vigor and purpose.

The schedule was full but ample opportunity was given for prayer and silent meditation and a period was reserved for the sharing of experiences and personal witnessing for Christ.

Other features of the programme included a discussion on the use of flannelgraphs, by Mrs. Robert Elder of the Presbyterian Church, Ipoh; sessions on the use of music in evangelism, led by the Rev. M. Thangamuthu, of Klang, and Mr. Snead; a film presentation and suggestions for the use of visual aids, directed by the Rev. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr., of Kuala Lumpur; and a session on visitation evangelism led by the Rev. Robert F. Lundy, of Klang.

Devotions were led by the Rev. J. V. Ayaduray, of Kuala Lumpur, and the Rev. S. S. Pakianathan, of Ipoh. Delegates were housed in Horley Hall, Kenyon Cottage, and the residences on Lahat Road. Ladies from the Tamil, Chinese, and Wesley churches of Ipoh were in charge of the meals. Miss Birdice Lawrence brought an exhibit of appropriate books from the Methodist Book Room, Singapore.

A number of new missionary workers were introduced. They were: Miss Marion Cole, Ipoh; Miss Patsy Addington, Taiping; Miss Evelyn Mercer, Sitiawan, and Miss Florence Smith, Kuala Lumpur; and the Rev. J. Wesley Day, Teluk Anson, and Mr. Charles R. Goltz, Penang. In all, fifty persons attended.

Java's "Tuan Doktor" Served Tjisarua

A.V. KLAUS

On September 18 there died in Malone, New York, a prominent surgeon by the name of Raymond G. Perkins. Many of his friends in Java are sorrowing today, because of the passing of their beloved "Tuan Doktor." He was the first missionary doctor of The Methodist Church in Indonesia and he won a place for himself in the hearts of multitudes, which others could never hope to attain.

Folks felt that there were many doctors, but he was their personal "Tuan Doktor." Those who knew him best understood the reason for this. "Cy", as we called him, was a brilliant doctor, and an exceptionally clever surgeon. But no one could associate with him for even a short time without realizing that he was above all a Christian and a missionary, who shared his Christ's love for people, regardless of age, race, or social standing.

Dr. and Mrs. Perkins first came to Java in 1914. They had been told in New York that they were to open a hospital, but when they arrived there was no medical work of which they could take charge. There was not even a house for the doctor and his good wife.

But forty-five miles from Batavia (the present Djakarta) lived a devoted Christian family named Bik. They had long prayed that God would send a Christian doctor to serve the people on the large estate called Tjisarua, which they owned. A small three-room frame house, without any conveniences whatsoever, was kindly set aside by the Bik family for the use of the Perkinses. This was to be their home for four years.

During the first years not many people came to seek the services of the doctor. The help of the medicine men seemed more real to them. Dr. Perkins had to make his own contacts. By much association with the children in the Christian schools, he soon acquired a working knowledge of the vernacular. Before long he was preaching on Sunday in these schools and conducting clinics there for the people who came to him for help.

Gradually he was able to gain their confidence. He was then ready to begin the task which had brought him to Java, the erection of a Christian hospital. The government of Netherlands Indies promised to assume a large share of the cost of the building. They were also willing to grant a subsidy, which would enable the doctor to operate the hospital without loss.

That, however, necessitated frequent consultations with both the local and the national authorities concerned

NEW JOBS FOR FAMILIAR FACES

Dr. Eugene L. Smith has been elected General Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, a new position created this year in the action of the General Conference and the subsequent organisational meeting of the Board at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, in early September.

Dr. Smith's responsibilities as Executive Secretary of the Division of World Missions, in which he succeeded the late Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer in 1949, have been assumed by Dr. James Kenneth Mathews, who will also continue to have administrative duties for work in India and Pakistan.

The Associate Secretaries in the Division of World Missions are now to be called Administrative Secretaries for the various fields throughout the world. In addition to Dr. Mathews, they are Dr. Frank T. Cartwright, China and Southeastern Asia; Dr. Ralph E. Dodge, Africa and Europe; Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh, Japan, Korea, and the Philippines; and Dr. James E. Ellis, Latin America.

Dr. Ernest E. Tuck, after a long career as a missionary in the Philippines and earlier in India, has become Director of the Advance programme, succeeding the Rev. Richard Hanson, who has returned to the pastorate. Advance secretary is the Rev. Roy S. Smyres.

Another development is the retirement as one of the publishing agents of the Methodist Publishing House of Dr. Roy L. Smith, who has served in that capacity since he resigned from the editorship of *The Christian Advocate*. The other publishing agent is Mr. Lovick Pierce.

Dr. Mathews, whose wife is the daughter of Dr. E. Stanley Jones, comes to his new responsibility after a missionary career in India. He is a member of the Bombay Conference and was a guest speaker at the South-eastern Asia Central Conference in Singapore, 1950.

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with medical work, building operations, and financial matters. How many hours Dr. Perkins spent in government offices during the next three years only his most intimate friends know.

But the good doctor was successful. In January, 1919, beautiful Tjisarua Hospital on the slope of Mount Gedeh was opened to the public by Bishops Homer Stuntz and J. W. Robinson, in the presence of the Governor General of Netherlands Indies, many officials and a multitude of friends and well-wishers.

It was now no longer necessary for Dr. Perkins to perform operations on the kitchen table as he had done in his first years in Java. How many people he and his successors served here it is difficult to estimate. Tjisarua Hospital is still functioning, now as a sanitorium for people suffering from tuberculosis.

After less than ten years of service in Java, health reasons compelled Dr. and Mrs. Perkins to return to America. They settled in Malone, New York, where the "Tuan Doktor" was permitted to serve for almost thirty years more as a surgeon, a Christian, and a friend. It is hard to say in which of these three capacities he served most effectively. He was always all of them at the same time. Folks like Dr. Perkins are rare indeed. His friends feel that the world is poorer because he is no longer among us.

Dr. Perkins was active in his medical practice until he suffered a stroke on April 21 of this year. After that four heart attacks, each one more severe than the one preceding it, weakened him so that it was necessary to take him to the hospital, where he slept peacefully away, leaving his wife, a daughter, and a small grandchild.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to Mrs. Perkins. Cy and Mac were so much one in all their interests that it seems hard for us to think of Mac trying to carry on without the "Tuan Doktor" near at hand, giving her strength and encouragement. May the God in whom both trusted so many years be very near her as she now walks alone!

Mrs. Kingham Passes at Chicago

Mrs. Grace W. Kingham, wife of the Rev. James Jay Kingham and former missionary in Malaya, died on September 20 in Evanston, Illinois, following a lingering illness.

The Kinghams spent twenty-six years in India before coming to Malaya in January, 1931. That year they were stationed in Ipoh and Mr. Kingham was Conference evangelist, working very largely with the Tamil churches and bringing to his task a good knowledge of the Tamil language and people.

But Mrs. Kingham found it necessary to depart for the United States before the end of that year, along with her daughter. The Kinghams were guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Abel Eklund, in Singapore, on November 22, for the occasion of their twentieth wedding anniversary and the ship sailed the next day.

Mr. Kingham was not able to stay in Malaya much longer. In 1932, he became editor of *The Malaysia Message*, acting principal of Jean Hamilton Theological School, and secretary of Christian literature. On March 12, 1933, he left for America.

Mrs. Kingham conducted a very popular Sunday School class in Ipoh, according to the Rev. Ralph A. Kesselring who attended the funeral services. They were held on September 24 at Broadway Methodist Church, Chicago. Cremation followed at Graceland.

She is survived, in addition to her husband, by one son, Major James Richard Kingham, of United States Marine Corps, and one daughter, Mrs. Clara Jeanne Bright. There are three grandchildren, two sisters and one brother.

BISHOP SOMMER DIES AT ZURICH

Bishop Johann Wilhelm Ernst Sommer, presiding officer of the Germany Central Conference since 1946, died following an illness at Zurich, Switzerland, in late October.

Bishop Sommer, who had attended the General Conference in San Francisco earlier in the year, was responsible for our work in the Frankfort-on-Main Area, including the Central Germany, Northeast Germany, Northwest Germany, South Germany, and Southwest Germany Conferences. He was seventy-one years old.

He was an organiser of the Council of Evangelical Churches of Germany and chairman of a Methodist Conference in Frankfort, in 1945, which passed resolutions of "guilt and repentance" for the part Germany played in World War II.

AROUND THE MAP

Straits Chinese District

Kampong Kapor Boys' Brigade Marches

The Second Singapore Company of the Boys' Brigade, at Straits Chinese Church, Kampong Kapor, had its Annual Inspection on September 19 at Anglo-Chinese School, Barker Road. Twenty-six recruits and twenty-one "seasoned veterans" began the year's work. More than $800 was received through the Boys' Brigade competition week. Four of the boys passed the Battalion Ambulance Certificate examination and nine passed the Fireman's Badge examination. It is hoped that a Drum and Bugle Band may be organised soon.

Cornerstone Is Laid at Bedok

Bedok Church had a banner day on Sunday, September 28, when the Rev. Chew Hock Hin, district superintendent, laid the cornerstone for the new Church. Steady rain did not keep the large number of members and friends from attending the impressive ceremony.

No one was happier than Supply Pastor and Mrs. Chan Wah Teck. Employed by Radio Malaya in Singapore, Mr. Chan has given all his leisure hours to visiting in the homes of his members and to raising sufficient funds for the erection of the Church.

Mr. Chew led the Litany and the Prayer of Consecration, followed by the placing of the box in the stone and the sealing of it. The architect, Mr. Chan Kui Chuan, handed the stone to Mr. Chew.

The Scripture Readings were read by the Rev. Robert A. Blasdell and the Rev. J. H. H. Berckman, in English and by Mr. Koh Tiong Tai and Mr. Lim Yew Chye, in Malay.

Mr. Chan and Mr. Lucky Low, treasurer of the Bedok Church's Building Fund, said: "This new church needs your help. She requires an organ or a piano, pews, hanging fluorescent lamps, ceiling fans, a roll carpet for the aisle, and various other things." They made an appeal for support for these and other needs as the Church continues its work for the future.

Conference to Meet

The District Conference will be held Saturday, December 13, at 3:00 p.m., at Geylang Church. with the Geylang Straits and English churches as hosts.

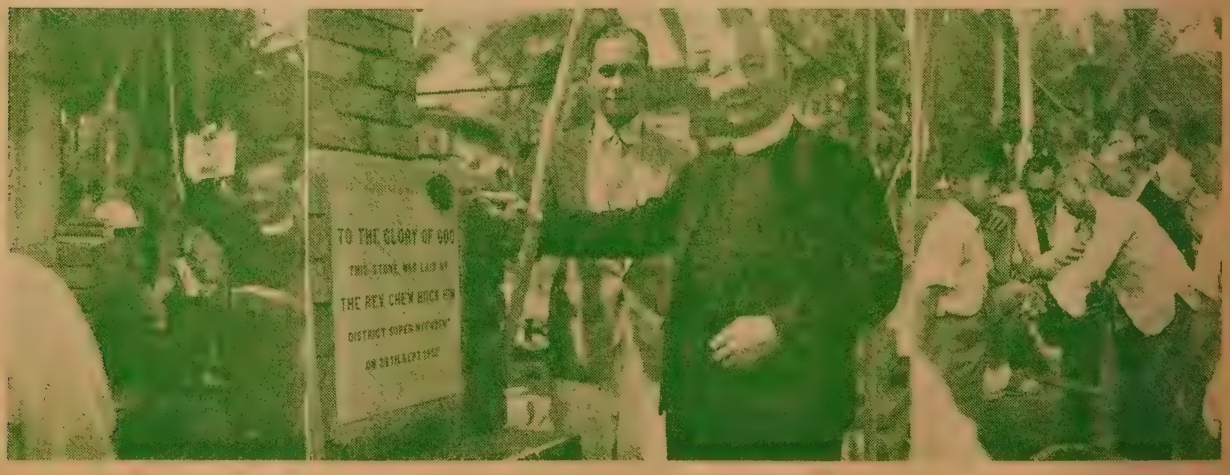
Anniversary Number Six

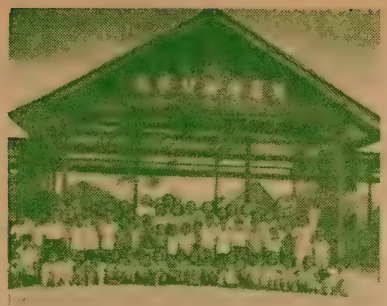
On Sunday, October 26th, Singapore's "New Testament Church," as Dr. H. B. Amstutz called it at the fifth anniversary, celebrated the sixth anniversary at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Kok Kong Seng. This attap-roofed home near the ocean front in Bedok has been used as a sanctuary every Sunday morning for the past six years. This was the last anniversary service that will take place in that home, for the new church building will be completed in late December or early January.

A large congregation assembled for the special services and to pay tribute to the consecration of the Christian family who have contributed to the success of this church by opening and enlarging their home for the services. Participating in the service were others who have given leadership in this church, the Rev. Chew Hock Hin, District Superintendent; Mr. Chan Wah Teck, the lay pastor of the church, and Mr. Choo Beng Lim. Bishop and Mrs. R. L. Archer attended and Bishop Archer gave the closing prayer and benediction.

The scripture was read in English by Mr. Koh Tiong Tai and in Malay by Mr. Lim Yew Chye. Prayer was lead by the Rev. Khoo Chiang Bee and there were short addresses of commemoration in English by the pastor and in Malay by Mr. Choo Beng Lim, J.P. The sermon, on the subject "Fools for Christ's Sake," was preached by the Rev. Chew Hock Hin, first in Malay and then in English. He stressed the place of those consecrated men and women who in the early church, in missionary service and in the present Bedok church have been willing to be "fools for Christ's sake." The large choir of young people sang two anthems. Offerings were presented by members of the congregation who went forward to place their gifts at the altar.

District Superintendent Chew Hock Hin lays the cornerstone at Bedok Church. Centre: with the pastor, Mr. Chan Wah Teck. Left: displaying articles for deposit in the cornerstone vault. Right: facing the camera is the architect, Mr. Chan Kui Chuan and Pastor Chan is in the background, right.





Miss Ang Saw Hwa, pastor of our Chinese Church at Bentong, holds Gospel meetings in New Villages of Pahang by permission of the Chinese School authorities. She reports an excellent response. Here are scenes of her work at Benta, Sungei Lei, and Perting villages.

Since the founding of the church 50 people have been baptized and others have joined by transfer. An impressive part of the anniversary service was the reception into membership of Mr. and Mrs. Oeij Heng San and their two sons.

Malaysia Chinese Conference

Pioneer Church, Sitiawan, and Fifty Years—

Pioneer Church was founded fifty years ago, in 1902, and its Jubilee Anniversary was celebrated on August 21. A special programme and concert, depicting pioneer planters, Christians, and loyal pastors of the Church and District history, was the highlight of the commemoration. A Jubilee fund of about $10,000 was raised to build a memorial tower in honour of the pioneer Christians, and renovation of the Church pulpit and interior decorations were effected. Dr. and Mrs. Marmaduke Dodsworth were among the large gathering of friends at the celebration. Dr. Dodsworth brought greetings from The Methodist Church and delivered a special message.

Tangkak Church Has a New Parsonage—

The Rev. Shih Yu Shou, formerly of Sitiawan, is retired supply pastor at Tangkak Church and in Sargil New Village. He promotes a very vigorous programme in spite of his age. It is now planned to build a Church at Sargil, where nine Christian families are now residing. The Board of Stewards has planned the building of a new parsonage to replace the present one, which is in a delapidated condition.

Church Fair at Trinity and Simpang Ampat—

Mrs. Fang Kim Boon, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Simpang Ampat, opened the annual fair at the Chung Ling School. $1,300 has been raised for the Church and building fund. Trinity Church held a combined concert and fair on September 3. Simpang Tiga New Village was one of the first casualties in the "Emergency" in the Sitiawan District. It was burned down by bandits, but the fire stopped just short of the church building, which is now a community centre for the people of the village, like a torch of true-light in the darkness.

Benta, Sungei Lei, and Perting Hear the Gospel

Miss Ang-Saw Hwa, pastor of our Bentong Church, itinerates around her area and reports that she has been given permission by Chinese School committees in Benta, Sungei Lei, and Perting New Villages to hold gospel meetings for the people living in these villages. It is very encouraging, she says, to note that the children have responded very heartily to the services.

First Penang Company, Boys' Brigade, In Training.

Attached to the Madras Lane Church, the First Penang Company of the Boys' Brigade held a three-day training camp at Batu Ferringhi for officers. They plan to send a delegate to the 1954 International Camp in London. Recently the group had a Physical Training Drill at the Anglo-Chinese School grounds. A Second Penang Company has now been organised and is sponsored by Wesley Church. A farewell party for the First Company's retiring chaplain, Dr. Ho Seng Ong, was an event of the month of August.

Southern Malaya District

Wesley, Singapore, Has Brigade Inspection

The Third Singapore Company of the Boys' Brigade had the sixteenth annual Company Inspection and Display at Wesley Hall, on October 4. Mr. J. G. Shaw was the Inspecting Officer and Mrs. Shaw presented the awards. An offering was received for Wesley Church Expansion Fund.

Ten and One Total Eleven

The Rev. and Mrs. Tracey K. Jones were host and hostess to ten couples who have been married during the current year, on September 14, for tea. The Joneses had celebrated their own tenth anniversary two days earlier, on September 12. Mr. and Mrs. Jones and their two children were at the Methodist Bungalow on Frasers Hill, October 15—24, for a short holiday.

Five Days at Telok Paku

The Girls' Life Brigade at Wesley Church, Singapore spent five days in August at a camp at Telok Paku. Handwork was taught by Sgt. Anna Tay and Cpl. Faith Goh, both of whom have recently returned from the Girls' Life Brigade Jubilee in England. The Enrolment Service for this group was held on September 21. Lim Bong Soo is the Captain.

Choir Director Goes to England

Captain C. J. E. Hare, leader of the evening choir at Wesley, Singapore, has gone to England. His present address is 121 High Street, c/o Lloyd's Bank, Tonbridge, Kent.

Architect at Malacca

Mr. Paul Wiant, Church building consultant, recently visited Malacca to confer with members of Wesley Church building committee. A site for the new building has been selected and the Church has decided to launch a Building Fund campaign at once, with the expectation of breaking ground in 1953. For the present, services will continue to be held at Methodist Girls' School Hall, Tranquerah Road.

Perak District

Edmonds Speaks for United Nations Day—

Mr. W. D. Edmonds, Assistant District Officer, Sungei Siput, spoke at the Anglo-Chinese School there, October 24, on the significance of United Nations Day. Pupils and teachers were assembled in front of the School and two workers with the British Red Cross Society were also in attendance. The Federation of Malaya song was sung following the hoisting of the Perak, Federation, and Commonwealth flags. The National Anthem was sung at the end of the ceremony.

Mr. Edmonds was the speaker earlier, October 10, on the occasion of the second annual athletic meet of Methodist Afternoon School, Sungei Siput, which was held on the Town Padang. It was a fine afternoon and quite a good crowd came to see the sports. There were two events for the boys of Sungei Buloh New Village Chinese School. Mrs. H. M. Jerram distributed the prizes and Principal A. P. Paul thanked all who had contributed to the success of the sports.

A Junior Red Cross Society has been formed in the Anglo-Chinese School, Sungei Siput. Mr. Paul is patron and Mr. A. Paramasivam is Cadet Officer. Meetings are held on Wednesday afternoons for first aid instruction, with Misses E. Eggleston and J. MacPhail, of the British Red Cross Society, directing the class.

Younger students at the School now have an intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship. Shanmugam is the president and Ramasamy is secretary. Devotional meetings are held once every fortnight and recreation is planned each Friday afternoon.

Northern Malaya District

Prayer Meetings in New Village

Taiping Methodists have joined forces again and on October 7 they held an experimental cottage prayer meeting in Pokok Assam.

The Rev. Kjell C. Knutsen, who, with the Rev. Ang Hoe Peng and Mr. J. C. Newton, conducted the meeting, says that thirty Christians and friends from the village attended.

They were so enthusiastic with the idea of the prayer meeting that arrangements were made to hold one every Tuesday evening.

Tentative plans are now being developed for the building of a school in Pokok Assam next April, under the sponsorship of Taiping Methodists. Mr. Knutsen said that it is hoped a short-term Work Camp can be set up either before or after the Northern Malaya MYF Institute, which is to be held in Taiping, for the purpose of providing the school.

They Meet the Duchess

Several Methodists from Northern Malaya were reviewed by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, at the parade of voluntary welfare workers held at the Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur, October 5.

Mr. Khoo Oon Soo of the Malayan Youth Council, Miss Fang Chooi Leng, YWCA, and Mr. Lim Choon San, Red Cross, went from Penang.

From Taiping, Mrs. D. G. Jeyasekara represented the Juvenile Court Advisers and Mr. K. C. Yeoh the Board of Governors of the Taiping Approved School.

Mr. Wong Hean Kin was the delegate from the Sitiawan Welfare Committee.

Two Projects at Sitiawan

Mr. Moses Tay reports that the Anglo-Chinese School, Sitiawan, is proud of her newly-built domestic science room and the newly-erected water supply system. These two projects cost the fifty-year-old school $4,000.

Mr. Wong Hean Kin relinquished his duties as principal of the institution upon the arrival of the new principal, the Rev. Eugene O. McGraw from the United States following furlough.

Evangelistic Services in Taiping

Wesley Church, Taiping, had as guests the Rev. and Mrs. Abel Eklund for the week, October 19—26, when Mr. Eklund spoke for nightly meetings of an evangelistic nature. The Eklunds, who came to Taiping from a week's holiday at Maxwell's Hill, returned to Seremban on October 27.

Central Malaya District

Miss Straley Opens Raub Annex—

Miss Fae Straley, principal of Methodist Girls' School, Klang, officially opened the annex of the Methodist Girls' School, Raub, at a ceremony in November 8. The Rev. Abel Eklund, Seremban, who was instrumental in establishing the Raub institution in 1947, was there as senior missionary to address the assembled parents, staff, and friends, and to conduct the service.

Other remarks were made by the District Officer, Che Abdullah bin Ibrahim, and the Senior Inspector of Schools, Pahang, Mr. D. K. Swan. The Rev. J. V. Ayaduray, superintendent of Central Malaya District, presided at the tea which followed, with Miss Norma B. Craven, principal, and Misses Anna Gurusamy, Ivy Samuel, and Alice Ariaratnam as hostesses.

A series of folk dances and exhibitions had been arranged, although rain forced some of the programme indoors.

The annex, second unit of the School buildings, had three class rooms and was completed in June of this year. It increases the place of the School in the community, which has in Miss Craven one of its leading citizens.

Evangelistic Trip to Kuantan—

The Rev. K. J. Timothy spent a week in late October on an evangelistic trip from Raub to Kuantan. It was the same week when Pahang teachers had a holiday from school in order to take part in observation programmes planned by the Education Department.

Bunce, Craven, Olson, and Rank—

Methodist Girls' Afternoon School, Kuala Lumpur, at the annual Sports Day, August 6, saw the Inter-House

OLSON HOUSE, winners of the Inter-House Championship cup, August 6, at Methodist Girls' Afternoon School, Kuala Lumpur.

Dr. Ho Seng Ong, Educational Secretary for The Methodist Church in Malaya and Sarawak, published in October his book, "Education for Unity in Malaya." It has been well received and reviewed favourably in the press. A review will appear in our January issue.

The book is available at Ganesh, Penang; ABC Bookshop, Ipoh; Eusoff Brothers, Kuala Lumpur; Kennys, Seremban; Nan Tai, Malacca, and Methodist Book Room, Singapore. The cost: $5.50, post free

Championship Challenge cup awarded to Olson House and heard words of consolation for the losers from the Principal, Mrs. Evelyn Chan.

Mrs. Chan, following the distribution of the prizes by Colonel MacKenzie, said: "The most important thing is not in winning but in taking part; the essential thing in life is not in conquering but in doing one's best."

It was a fine day, the sun shining brightly, and the field was gaily decorated with flags and banners representing the four houses, Bunce, Craven, Olson, Rank. All are named for missionary principals who have been associated with the School. There was a great crowd of spectators, both parents and friends. The girls appeared in white blouses and navy blue shorts.

Full advantage was taken of the opportunity, presented first this year, of having the sports on a large field. Hurdles, relays, flat races, and a bicycle race were featured. The events were varied and novel and the Parent-and-Daughter race was undoubtedly the one most enjoyed. The 440 yards Inter-School relay was an exciting race. This marked the first year competition included girls from other schools. The MGAS students finished second in the relay.

SENTUL

Mr. William Dudley, of Sentul, writes: "Due to the foresight of that great missionary educationalist, the Rev. P. L. Peach, The Methodist Church has made a lasting impression upon all communities in Sentul. The teachers of the two schools have put the Sunday School, Methodist Youth Fellowship, and the Church first, with the result that the spirit of Christian youth prevails in every church programme. We in Sentul sincerely believe that God has a plan and a purpose for extending His Kingdom here and we go forward with the assurance that He will bless our humble efforts."

Mr. K. V. Thaver, a senior assistant master at Sentul's Methodist Boys' School, who was the Federation of Malaya nominee and United Kingdom delegate to the International Centre for Adult Education, UNESCO, has returned from Europe. While in Europe, he visited Paris, Geneva, Brussels, Helsinki, and London. He also visited Oxford and Cambridge Universities and the Malayan Teachers' Training College at Kirkby.

Members of the First Penang Company, Boys' Brigade, of which Mr. Khoo Oon Soo is Captain. He is seated, centre, with Dr. Ho Seng Ong, whose position as chaplain has now been filled by Dr. Marmaduke Dodsworth.

SUSHEELA DEVI IN RECITAL AT IPOH

Miss Susheela Devi, leader of the Chamber Ensemble, Singapore, presented a violin recital at Anglo-Chinese School hall, Ipoh, October 31, under the auspices of the Ipoh Tamil Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The programme included Beethoven's "Sonata in F. Major, Op. 24" and "Sonata in A Major" by César Franck. After the interval, numbers by Moffat, Lennox Berkeley, Achron, Rimsky-Korsakov, and Pugnani-Kreisler were heard.

A member of the Singapore Methodist Tamil Church, Miss Devi studied with Sasch Lasserson in London after a year at the Royal Academy of Music. She has played for the British Broadcasting Corporation, the "Proms" Circle, and on televison. Shortly before her recent return to Singapore, she gave a recital at London Musical Club and obtained an Associateship of the R. C. M.

Harper And Jones To Visit Malayan MYF

Two top leaders of the Methodist Youth Fellowship in the United States of America will visit Malayan chapters in several centres during the week, January 14—20, 1953.

They are the Rev. George A. Harper, Administrative Secretary of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, and Mr. Jameson Jones, president of the National Conference. They will be in attendance as official American representatives at the World Conference of Christian Youth in Travancore, India, in December, and will come to Malaya after visits in other parts of India and in Burma.

Arriving in Singapore on January 14, they plan to have discussions with Malayan MYF cabinet officers and counsellors and probably to come "upcountry."

THEY CAME TO SEE

Straits Chinese MYF, Singapore, staged its annual concert on November 15, featuring a one - act romantic comedy, and, sent half of the proceeds to the Pendamaran Church to assist in the completion of the financial obligations incurred during the time of the MYF Work Camp there in August.

No members of this MYF were able to come to the Work Camp, but that the money raised by the concert went, in part, to Pendamaran is due to a visit which two members of the cabinet made there on September 21.

Heng Chin Hock, vice president, and Chow Yee Sin, editor of the Straits Chinese MYF *Follow the Gleam*, along with four friends, came to Pendamaran while the Sunday School in the new Church was in progress. They looked over the building and then were taken on a tour of the entire New Village area, concluding their visit in Klang with tea at the residence of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert F. Lundy.

The two MYF leaders had earlier called at Penang, Taiping, and Kuala Lumpur, with overnight stops of three nights each at Penang and Kuala Lumpur.

to Kuala Lumpur and Penang. Full details will be given in the next issue of *The Malaysia Message*, January 2.

Mr. Harper graduated with the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois, in 1946 and is a member of the North Alabama Conference. For six years he has worked as secretary of the National Conference and is now editor of Concern, official MYF news-magazine.

Mr. Jones is now a student at Garrett and came to the presidency of the National Conference in 1949, following service in his Conference MYF in Kentucky and in Tennessee. He has recently been elected a part-time staff member of the Methodist Board of World Peace.

We extend a hearty welcome to George and Jameson!

MYF

SEGAMAT MYF CABINET FOR 1952 has been composed of these officers. Seated: Miss Annie Tan Teck Keng; Rudy Fong Mun Fatt, vice-president; the Rev. S. M. Pandian, pastor; Miss Mary Isaac, Miss Irene Lim. Standing: Ng Ah Teng, treasurer; S. Kandiah; David Pandian, secretary; Y. Henry, Chelladurai William.

CHINESE MYF's ARE BUSY

Malacca—The Chinese MYF held a one-day retreat, August 29, at the Seng Soon bungalow at Tanjong. The Rev. Lim Khiam San conducted the devotions, with the assistance of Miss Tan Pek Geok. Attending the retreat were forty-five young people.

Seremban—The Caravan team, led by the Rev. Fang Ming Teh, and comprising a group of active members from Penang, Tan Seng Oon, Ang Hooi Tek, and Koay Kew Kew, following a visit to Pendamaran Work Camp, Port Swettenham, travelled to Seremban. The Caravan missed its way in the famous Kajang-Nilai Forest area by following an old road sign-post. This area has been a notorious one during the entire period of the "Emergency." After reaching Seremban safely, they were given a warm welcome by the Chinese MYF. Reports of steady progress in activities, and the raising of nearly $6,000 to apply on the purchase of the gospel van for the Church, were made. A balance of $1,000 has been handed by the MYF to the Church treasurer. The average monthly giving of this group is $140 per member and this substantially augments the Church finances.

Ipoh—During the Chinese MYF Institute at Penang, in August, Ipoh Chinese and Penang Hokkien MYFs tied in competition for the Northern Malaya Institute Challenge Shield, which is donated by the Penang MYF cabinet and the Rev. Fang Ming Teh and is to be awarded annually. In Ipoh, an MYF Fair was held to raise money for the Pendamaran Work Camp and $200 was realized. The girls' basketball team gave a display match at the Fair. Two members of the Ipoh group left for schooling in the United States, July 15. Mr. Chan Kai Seng has enrolled at Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, while Mr. Saw Peng Seng is at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois.

BOY MEETS GIRL . . . . .

Singapore District MYF, in cooperation with the Young Men's Christian Association, sponsored a series of three discussions on the subject, "Boy — Girl Relationships", on three Saturdays in September. They were held on September 13, 20, and 27, at the YMCA Hall on Orchard Road.

Leader of the meetings was the Rev. Tracey K. Jones, pastor of Wesley Church, Singapore. Tea and light refreshments were served before each session began.

Two New MYF Groups in Taiping

Sponsored by Mrs. Kjell C. Knutsen, Miss Lim Phaik Kuan and Miss Lim Phaik Joo, an Intermediate MYF was formed in Taiping, after a preliminary party at the Lady Treacher Girls' School, October 2.

More than eighty boys and girls between the ages of twelve and fifteen had a good time at the party.

Then on October 5 an MYF was formed at the Chinese Methodist Church, Taiping. Most of the members are students in the Chinese School. The pastor is acting as chairman of the cabinet until some members have been trained for leadership.

Meetings are held at 3.00 p.m. each Sunday and the two badminton courts are usually occupied.

Work with the Red Cross

Members of the Taiping MYF had their opportunity for community service when they volunteered for work with the British Red Cross Society during the August holidays.

They went out to the surrounding villages and riverine districts with Miss S. N. Slater and Miss M. Robinson for daily work as interpreters and first-aid assistants. The young people found the work to be most interesting.

Chinese MYF Leader in Kulim

Mr. Geh Teng Kheng, founder and president of the Chinese MYF in Alor Star, has been transferred to the Food Control Department, Kulim. He is the Assistant Rationing Officer. It is hoped that he will be able to organise an MYF chapter in Kulim before long.

TAIPING MYF CABINET AND COUNSELLORS: Standing: Tan Teck Kee, Lee Kim Chang, Miss Kasturi Bai, Miss Chan Kam Yuen, Miss Rosie Pandian, Nai Prasit, J. C. Newton. Seated: Mrs. Kjell C. Knutsen, Mrs. Teoh Cheng Suan, K. C. Yeoh, Mr. Knutsen, and Miss Helen Desjardins.

PENANG WAS THE SCENE

The first Chinese Methodist Youth Fellowship Institute and Religious Education Conference was held in Penang, August 23—27. It was planned under the sponsorship of the Conference MYF Council and directed by the Rev. M.T. Fang, secretary of youth work and religious education in Malaysia Chinese Conference.

146 youth leaders and Sunday School teachers from Perak, Kedah, Penang, and Province Wellesley attended the meetings, which were held at Penang's Anglo-Chinese School. The theme was "Jesus' Way — Our Mission" and the dean was the Rev. John Chua. Bible study, religious education, MYF Work shops, and discussions on the needs and objectives of Christian education were all on the full programme.

The Rev. T. R. Doraisamy, secretary of Christian education, gave his rich experience and conducted a special session in religious education. The Rev. Tiang Cu Gi and Canon Huang Tung Hsi taught classes in "The Life and Teachings of Jesus." The Rev. Peter Chen was the instructor in "Children and Religious Education."

The workshops were led by Mr. Chan Yik King, Mrs. Huang Keng Hwa, Mrs. M. T. Fang, and Mr. Wong Yeng Choon. Mr. Khoo Oon Soo, Social Welfare officer, conducted one session in the study of community service.

One of the highlights of the gathering was a concert staged by the Penang Hokkien MYF in the form of a Biblical play entitled, "Esther." Over $1,000 was raised at the concert for the Institute Fund and the Religious Education Building Fund for the Madras Lane Church. A second and third performance were given by popular demand and the total of $124 raised thereby were applied for the Pendamaran Church.

There was a festival of sacred music on the evening of August 24 with participation by all chapters represented at the Institute. A special solo was rendered by Miss Lee Soo Bee, of Singapore, with Miss Wu Mee Chee at the piano.

In sports features, the Institute shield was won jointly by Ipoh and Penang MYF teams. Penang won the badminton singles and doubles cups. The talentime contest resulted in a triumph for Ipoh in Section I. Miss Mariane Wu of Ipoh won the individual prize for efficiency.

Visits were made by the delegates to the offices of the United States Information Service and the Saint Nicholas Home for the Blind.

Dr. Marmaduke Dodsworth conducted a closing service of communion on August 27, assisted by the dean and other ministers who were present. Dr. Dodsworth had officially opened the meetings on the first day and had commended the Chinese Conference for the success of this combined effort. There had also been messages from Bishop and Mrs. Raymond L. Archer, written just before their leaving from the United States to return to Malaya.

Lee Cheong Beng was business manager. He had a team of fine workers. The food committee deserves special mention. It was headed by Tan Seng

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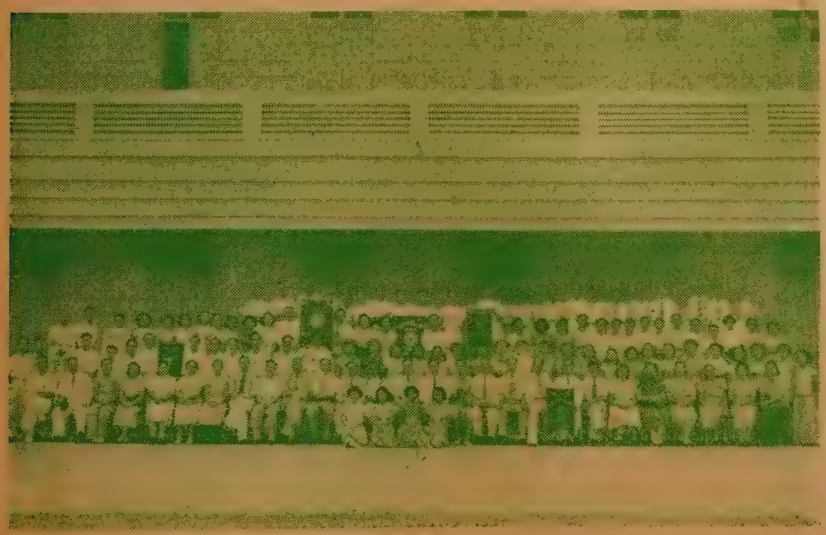
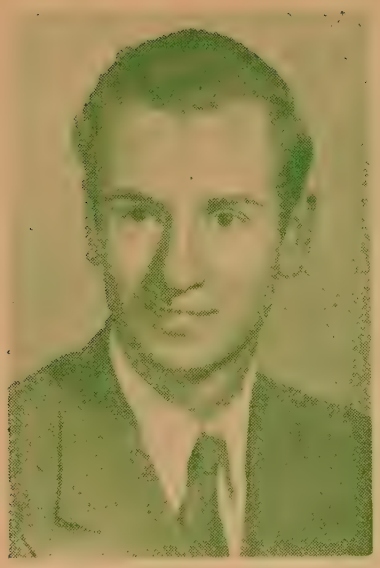




Mr. Charles R. Goltz

Mr. Charles R. Goltz arrived in Penang on Sunday, September 14, and has begun his work as a teacher at Anglo-Chinese School, with Standards VI and VII. Born in Royal Oak, Michigan, Mr. Goltz moved to Danville, Illinois, at the age of sixteen and attended the Illinois State Normal University, where he graduated last June with a major in elementary education and a minor in biological science.

Mr. Goltz is also assisting in the youth organisations at Wesley Church, Penang, and has just been made scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 20. Other interests include stamp-collecting, photography, and chess. We welcome him to Malaya!

Miss Jennie Doidge, for fifteen years a member of the staff of the World Council of Christian Education and recently General Secretary of the Council of Churches in Bridgeport, Connecticut, was a visitor in Malaya from September 27 to October 6. She is touring the world in connection with her duties and had already visited Hawaii, Fiji, Australia, and Indonesia. Coming first to Penang, she was a house guest of Dr. and Mrs. Marmaduke Dodsworth, with whom she had been associated on the staff of First Methodist Church, Seattle, Washington. Two hundred people attended a reception for her on September 27, at which time also **Mr. Charles R. Goltz** was welcomed to his new work in Penang. The staff at Anglo-Chinese School, Kampar, were hosts to Miss Doidge for tiffin when she came there, and the Rev. and Mrs. J. Harry Haines took her for a tour of Sungei Durian New Village.

After meeting with a group interested in Christian education, at our Church in Ipoh, she went on to Kuala Lumpur and there was the guest of the Rev. and Mrs. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr. Miss Helen Loomis was her hostess during the several days Miss Doidge spent in Singapore.

Miss Doidge left for Japan, October 6. Her itinerary in Malaya was arranged by Mr. V. D. Kuppusamy, secretary of the Malayan Council of Christian Education. He had met her at a Conference in Toronto in 1950.

Klebang Methodist School, Malacca, has a new head teacher. When **Miss Glenys Cobeen** sailed from Singapore on the "S. S. Margaret Lykes", September 21, she relinquished her duties to **Miss Margaret Thomas,** who had arrived in late August on the same ship which brought the Rev. and Mrs. Waldo S. Reinoehl and family back to Malaya.

Miss Thomas is an experienced teacher of religious education and a trained youth worker. For a number of years she has been supervisor of the Released Time Religious Education programme in Alhambra, California. Miss Cobeen, also from California, had been connected with the school more than four years. First organised at Fraser's Hill, the school has attracted a good deal of interest in educational circles, since it is the only one set up on American standards in Malaya.

Miss Cobeen has made a significant contribution in the fields of music, art, and drama, since first coming to Malaya in 1948.

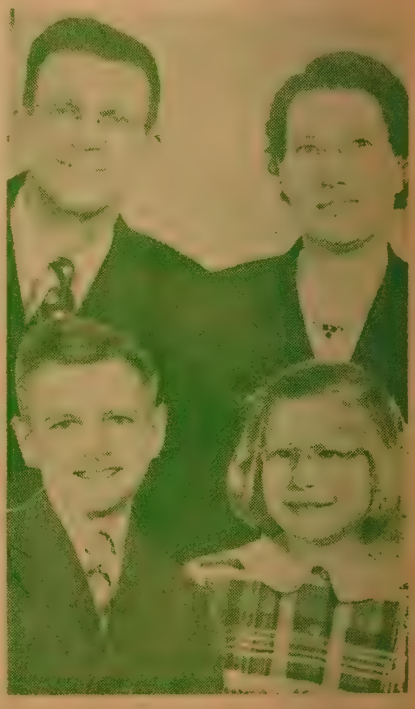
Miss Margaret Thomas

The Rev. and Mrs. J. Wesley Day and children, **Jack and Vivia,** have been well received in Teluk Anson. They came to Penang on September 14 and, on the following Friday were in their new home. They were guests of the three Teluk Anson churches for a Chinese dinner that night and Mr. Day preached his first sermon at Wesley Church on September 21, using the subject, "Building a Life."

Miss Patsy Addington

The Rev. Ralph A. Kesselring wrote on September 27 that he and Mrs. Kesselring have enrolled for graduate courses at Northwestern University and Garrett Biblical Institute. The whole family is in school, in fact. **Jean** is studying at Glenbard High School, and **Ruth** and **Ann** are in grammar school in Itasca. The Kesselrings docked at Oakland, California, not in Los Angles, as previously reported.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. Wesley Day
Jack and Vivia



NAMES IN THE NEWS

The third week in October brought nine new workers from the United States. Seven came on the "Slamat", which arrived in Singapore on October 14, and two others were passengers on the P. and O. steamship, "Carthage", which docked in Singapore on October 15.

Disembarking at Penang were:

Misses Gusta Robinett and **Jessie Wolcott,** who will be attached to our staff in Sumatra. Although their ship called at Belawan, they were not able to secure the necessary visas to enter Indonesia and they proceeded to Penang.

Miss Patsy Addington, who has begun her work on the faculty of Lady Treacher Girls' School, Taiping.

Miss Marion Cole, new addition to the staff at Anglo-Chinese Girls' School, Ipoh.

Completing the voyage at Singapore were the following persons:

The Rev. and Mrs. Hubert L. Sone, full time personnel with Trinity College, Singapore.

Mr. Jack Williamson, who is teaching at Anglo-Chinese School, Barker Road, and residing with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mark adjacent to the school.

Miss Martha Fay White, who has succeeded **Mrs. Gordon F. Molcher** as a missionary at Fairfield Girls' School. Mrs. Molcher and her husband are making plans to leave soon to reside in England.

Miss Martha Graf, who has since gone on to Sarawak.

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Miss Addington arrived in Taiping on October 12. She is a graduate, with a Bachelor of Science degree, from Oregon State College, at Corvallis, and is teaching domestic science in standards 6, 7, and 8 at Taiping. Earlier Miss Addington, whose home is in Longview, Washington, attended West Washington College of Education for two years. Her hobby is handicrafts.

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Mr. Williamson, of Philadelphia, Mississippi, has been assigned to teach English at Anglo-Chinese School, Singapore. He has a Bachelor's degree from Mississippi Southern College, at Hattiesburg, awarded this year, and is developing an interest in photography.

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Miss White, who is an accomplished pianist came to Singapore on October 14. She has been a teacher in the state of Mississippi. Newcomb College conferred on her the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1947 and her master's degree in music was obtained at Louisiana State University in 1951. Following periods of teaching at Bunkie, Louisiana and Jonestown and Union, Mississippi, she joined the faculty of Perkinston Junior College, in Perkinston, Mississippi. Her home is in Lecompte, Louisiana.

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Mr. Sone began teaching at Nanking Theological Seminary in 1934, having first arrived in China in 1920 and serving at Huchow in Chekiang. He was in the department of Old Testament at Nanking. During these same years, **Mrs. Sone** offered courses in hymnology and piano to Nanking students. The Sones have one son and one daughter and three grandchildren. The new Trinity staff members are living at 5 Mount Sophia in Singapore.

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Miss Cole has spent her entire missionary career, 1925-1950, at Foochow and has been an instructor in English at Hwa Nan College. During her period of service there, she taught under nine flags, leaving China in December, 1950. She holds the Bachelor of Arts degree from Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, and the Master of Arts degree from Columbia University, New York. She also attended Columbia and Union Theological Seminary during her recent furlough. Her home is in Stark, New Hampshire. Her trip to Malaya was on the "Queen Elizabeth" to Southamton to Penang on the "Carthage." Miss Cole arrived in Ipoh on October 12 and is teaching English.

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Mr. Sum Ah Wing has been admitted as a Fellow of the English Association of Accountants and Auditors, London, and an Associate of the Society of Commercial Accountants, Bristol, England. He has been connected with The Methodist Church for more than twenty-four years as private secretary to the Educational Secretary of Methodist Schools in Malaya and Sarawak. He has also been secretary to the Board of Control of the Methodist Teachers' Provident Fund since 1936.

When Mr. Sum transferred to Ipoh in 1949, he led in the formation of the Perak Philharmonic Orchestra with fifty-seven members and he is well-known in Malaya as a violinist. The Orchestra gave many performances in classical music for the raising of funds for the Tuberculosis Settlement of Ipoh, the Yuk Choy School, Ipoh, and other institutions.

He is a good tennis player still and has been made Tennis Member of the YMCA, Kuala Lumpur, since he came there in August.

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The Rev. and Mrs. Eugene O. McGraw arrived in Penang on the "Schiedijk" on November 24 and have been welcomed to their new home in Sitiawan. Accompanying them were their two children, Paul and Bonnie. Mr. McGraw has been appointed principal of the Anglo-Chinese School, Sitiawan. The McGraws spent their last term in Sarawak and have been in the United States since mid-year of 1951.

Miss Evelyn Fang, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Fang Ming Teh, of Penang, who has been selected as a member of the LaGrange College Chapel Choir and admitted in the junior class at the Georgia institution. The Lions Club, civic organisation in LaGrange, has given Miss Fang their 1952 foreign-student scholarship award.

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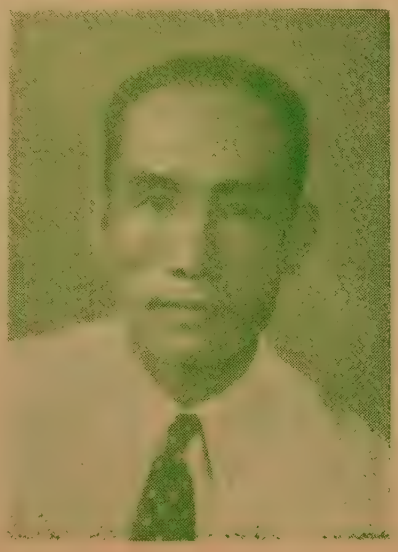
Mr. D. R. Daniel, president of the All Malayan Methodist Youth Fellowship, obtained leave of absence from his duties at Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh, in order to attend a youth seminar sponsored by the United Nations Economic, Social, and Cultural Organisation, at Rangoon, October, 6—28. He returned to Ipoh on October 30, and will be a delegate to the third World Conference of Christian Youth at Travancore, South India, December 11—25, representing the Young Men's Christian Organisation.

Mr. K. C. Yeoh, of Taiping, will represent the All-Malayan MYF while **Mr. S. T. Peter Lim,** member of the Travancore Conference Committee, will go from the Malayan Christian Youth Council.

Mr. Sum Ah Wing



The Rev. and Mrs. Irvin S. Motz have a new mailing address. It is: 2756 Central Park Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A. Mr. Motz, ex-missionary to Malaya, is still assistant treasurer of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund in the Methodist Board of Pensions, in Chicago, and has also been re-elected treasurer of the Board of World Peace.

He has sent us some other news as well:

The Rev. Ralph A. Kesselring was the speaker for the meeting of the "Furlough Club" an organisation of former missionaries who are resident in and around Chicago, on October 24. Dr. Hobart B. Amstutz had spoken at a meeting earlier in this year, when the group met in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin D. Soper, shortly after their return to America from the Orient.

Mr. Gerald Motz, native of Kuala Lumpur, was married on June 21 to **Miss Dorothy Black,** who is a graduate of the University of Kansas. They are now living in Atchison, Kansas, where Mr. Motz is in his second year of internship preparatory to completing his work for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology. He has been accepted as a candidate for the degree by the University of Houston, Texas.

Members of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, which will meet at Lucknow, India, December 31, 1952, to January 9, 1953, include the following Methodists who are registered to attend:

Miss Sarah Chakko, Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow; **Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam,** Washington, D. C.; **Bishop James C. Baker,** Los Angeles, California; **Bishop and Mrs. Ivan Lee Holt,** Saint Louis, Missouri; **Dr. Ralph W. Sockman,** New York City.

Visitors to Malaya in early November were the **Rev. Per Eric Lager,** of the Methodist Mission at Palembang, Sumatra, and his father, the **Rev. Dr. Alex Lager,** professor at the Scandinavian Theological Seminary at Guthenborg, Sweden. Dr. Lager left Sweden last June 28 on a journey to visit mission stations in Africa, India, Burma, Malaya, and Indonesia, particularly those where graduates of his Seminary are engaged in work. He has been professor of missions at the Guthenborg institution for thirty-five years.

Arriving at Penang on November 3 from Rangoon, Dr. Lager was met by his son, who had preached the previous day in Madras Lane Church. The journey south took them to Taiping, Sitiawan, Ipoh, Teluk Anson, Tanjong Malim, and Kuala Lumpur. They were in Klang on November 7 and the next day travelled to Raub for the dedication of the annex of Raub's Methodist Girls' School.

After continuing down the Peninsula to Singapore, the Lagers went to Sumatra. The father will remain for the meeting of the Sumatra Provisional Annual Conference in January, before returning to Europe. The younger Mr. Lager spent three weeks in Klang in June, 1950, following his return from language study in Hokkien at Amoy. He first came to Sumatra in 1948.

The Rev. D. K. Gnanananthan returned in mid August from four months' leave in India. He is back at his duties in Central and North Kedah and is resident in Sungei Patani. This was his first visit to India in thirty years. He made an extensive tour of South India and spoke in many churches.

Much has been happening to the **Dodsworth family** and most of it came about on August 22.

That was the day their daughter, **Mrs. John R. Esaias, Jr.,** of Brandywine, Maryland, gave birth to twin girls who have been named **Ann O'Neah** and **Martha Ruth.**

But the day was also notable for the unfortunate accident which befell Dr. and Mrs. Dodsworth on their return from the Golden Jubilee celebration in the Methodist churches at Sitiawan. Dr. Dodsworth says, "Our car was struck in the rear by a lorry. The lorry was completely overturned and our car was thrown into the ditch. Fortunately we were only travelling at fifteen miles an hour. It was the straightest road in Malaya and all clear. How that lorry hit us we do not know. Our car was a complete wreck."

The Rev. John Chua, who was also a passenger in the car, suffered a cut in the back and from shock. Mrs. Dodsworth sustained abrasions on the arm and a bump on her forehead. She was confined to her room for two weeks because of shock. The insurance company replaced the Consul motor car which was demolished. The Dodsworths have fully recovered and spent some time on holiday in October at Maxwell's Hill.

Their son, **Paul Dodsworth,** was united in marriage to **Miss Gerry Berg** in The Methodist Church at Nooksack, Washington, September 17. This is Mrs. Dodsworth's home church. Performing the ceremony was the **Rev. Linden B. Jenkins,** formerly of Malaya (See October ***Malaysia Message,*** "Messages to the Message.")

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The Rev. James J. Kingham (See page 11) has been re-elected president of the Chicago (Illinois) Tract Society.

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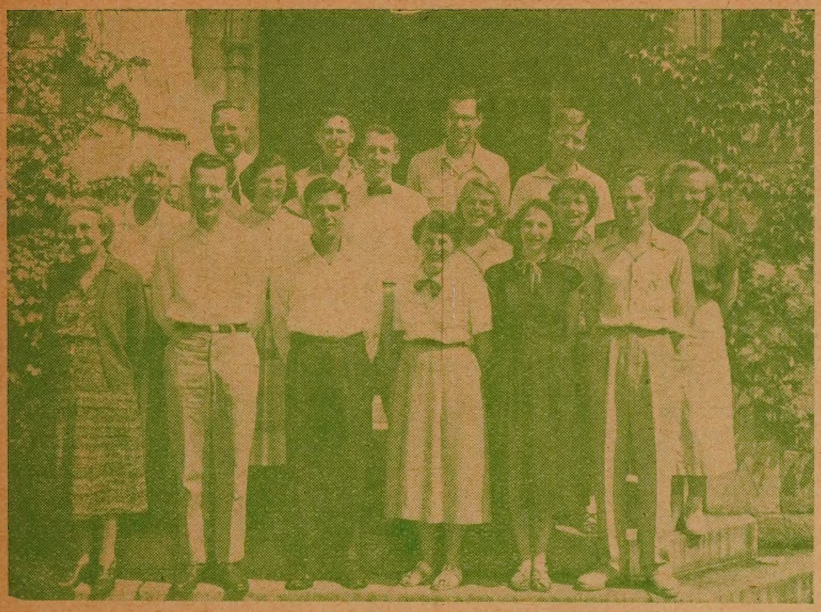
Due to the death of his mother, Mrs. Lim Keng Leong (Cheng Gian), on August 3 (See September issue of ***The Malysia Message,*** page 23), the wedding of **Mr. Lim Leong Yee,** eldest son of Mrs. Lim and the Rev. Mr. Lim, was postponed until October. This is a popular month, "Chung Yuen", for Chinese weddings. The bride was before her marriage **Miss Huang Pek Mooi.** The Rev. John Chua performed the ceremony at the Chinese Church, Malacca. Both Mr. Lim and his bride are graduates with Arts Diplomas from the University of Malaya.

The Klaveness steamer, "Castleville", which, along with the Dutch ship "Slamat", has transported a number of missionary workers to and from the United States brought two more to Malaya when it arrived in Singapore, October 30. **Miss Ellen Suffern** has begun her new work as a member of the staff at Hinghwa Church, Singapore, where she will be associated with the Rev. Paul S. H. Hang. **Miss Ann Harder** proceeded to Penang, where she has resumed her principalship at Anglo-Chinese Girls' School. Arrival in Penang was on November 3.

METHODIST STUDENTS ABOARD THE "STEEL ADMIRAL" AT PORT SWETTENHAM: **Cheong Min Kee, Kuala Lumpur; Betty J. Wang, Sourabaya; Pansy Yee and James Tan, Singapore, en route to the United States, September 12.**



In this group of new three-year-term missionaries are six representatives of Southeastern Asia. Front row: Miss Freda Chadwick, of Sumatra, instructor; Mr. Tom Brown, of California, whose plans for coming to Malaya are not complete; Mr. Jack Williamson, Misses Patsy Addington and Martha Fay White, Mr. Charles Goltz, who have already arrived in Malaya.

Miss Florence W. Smith is teaching religious knowledge at Methodist Girls' School, Kuala Lumpur, and working with the Girl Guides.

She is a native of Brooklyn, New York and joined The Methodist Church in Scranton, Pennsylvania, to which city her family had moved. She was educated at Packer Collegiate Institute, Brooklyn, and Columbia University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology at the latter institution in 1936.

Prior to going to China as a missionary in 1938, Miss Smith received additional training at Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford (Connecticut) Theological Seminary. In 1944-1946, while on home furlough, she completed her work for the degree of Master of Arts in Christian Education from Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Her first year in China was spent in Peiping where she had language study and then she went to Putien, Fukien, where she worked at Hamilton Girls' High School. She also supervised religious activities in the school and the local church, working with high-school age groups. Her second term in China came to an end late in 1950.

Miss Smith had four months study in the Chinese language at Yale University, between her two terms in China, and most recently was a student at the University Centre in Nashville, Tennessee.

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The Rev. Waldo S. Reinoehl, of Malacca, has been touring several centres in the interest of developing a concerted programme of evangelism and cultivation among the students of our Methodist schools, as well as the general concerns of the Advance for Christ and His Church. He was in Kuala Lumpur, October 7 and 8, and went to Klang on October 9. After two days in Ipoh, October 17 and 18, he went to Teluk Anson. The Reinoehls have responsibility for Wesley Church, Malacca, and will do general evangelistic work. It is hoped that the building programme for a new church can be carried forward soon. Miss Virginia Bunn and Mr. Charles E. Shumaker have responsibility, for the present, for the Malay Boys' and Girls' Hostels in Malacca.

Miss Ann Reinoehl went by air from Singapore to Delhi, September 3, and has begun her studies at Woodstock School, Mussoorie.

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Miss Mabel Nowlin will arrive in Singapore on December 15 on the "China Mail". She is to have some responsibility for our work in Sitiawan, but will also give attention to the development of Church School materials and other phases of Christian literature production for our Area. She comes to this new responsibility with considerable experience in China and America in the field of curriculum materials.

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The Straits Times **reported November 19 that the Rev. Francis Olin Stockwell, last American missionary of The Methodist Church remaining in China, has arrived in Hongkong after two years detainment by the People's Government. He is 52 years old. Mrs. Stockwell is in the United States.**

Christian Education

Theodore R. Doraisamy

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS ITS PURPOSE

The Malayan Council of Christian Education, which was organised last January, published in September the first issue of its "Bulletin." It is edited in Ipoh by Mrs. J. Harry Haines.

This organisation is concerned to promote Christian education "as a means to building the Kingdom of God within us here, now" and to coordinate such work done in church, school, and home.

It also seeks to organise conferences for Christian workers and to provide literature and other materials for use in carrying out its purposes. Encouragement is offered for the setting up of new Sunday Schools and Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

President of the Council is the Rev. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr., of Kuala Lumpur, while Mr. V. D. Kuppusamy, of Kampar, who has been the moving spirit in the creation of the group, serves as executive secretary. Miss F. G. Carpenter, Kuala Lumpur, is one of three vice-presidents. The others are the Rev. R. A. Elder, Ipoh, and the Rev. T. R. Doraisamy, of Singapore. Mrs. Evelyn Chan of Kuala Lumpur is the treasurer.

Committees have been set up as follows:

Pre-School and Kindergarten: Miss Carpenter, Mrs. M. Y. Lee, Mrs. Nellie Tan, and Miss Ann Stenning.

Primary grade: Miss Neliya Moreira, Mrs. R. A. Elder, Miss Birdice Lawrence, Mr. Wong Wai Lam, and Miss Chong.

Intermediate grade: Miss Helen Desjardins.

A Film Library has recently been moved to Kuala Lumpur with most of the available films for distribution coming from the Radio-Visual Education and Mass Communications Committee of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States. Mr. Teilmann should receive all requests for such films.

Miss Birdice Lawrence is receiving applications for Old and New Testment teaching pictures for use in Christian education and all inquiries concerning them should be addressed to her, at the Methodist Book Room, Singapore.

Sustaining membership in the Council is based on a contribution of $10 or more, and life membership at $100 or more. Mr. Kuppusamy, Anglo-Chinese School Kampar, will be glad to receive applications from prospective members.

eyes of God!

Finally there is Herod. We know more about him than the others. When he heard the news he wondered and then struck. There were good reasons for his act. He knew that if the Messiah had really come, his own earthly, corrupt, cruel, and callous rule of the people would end. So in his fear, we are told by Matthew, "he slew all the children there were in Bethlehem."

The baby Christ is an eternal challenge to the rule of the mighty. Christmas is a season when we need to remember this. It is a reminder that only God is great. "Glory to God in the highest....." Only he is worthy of devotion—no man, no nation, no race. but only God! Herod saw more clearly the danger of the Messiah than do many modern rulers. At least he saw the challenge. So many today see no challenge at all. They do not fear, for they are blind. Their state is worse than Herod's.

During this season we need to see the awesome mystery of God's handiwork. In the babe, Christ, a new age was ushered in, a new Kingdom emerged that meant the end of all the old kingdoms built upon injustice, racial arrogance, and greed. When the old rulers see this, is it any wonder that they fear?

Herod wonderd and struck. Poor fellow! He did not realize that he had already lost.

I have suggested that these men wondered and, since they laughed, cursed, and struck, never understood what the birth of Christ meant. There are many today who react in exactly the same way.

We certainly do not want to be one of them. Deep down, of course, it is only faith that makes the difference. We either believe or do not believe. When we believe, however, something happens to us.

Many years ago a soldier of the British King was shot and wounded in battle. He had been hit in the breast and the surgeons on the battlefield were operating on him. Those were the days when there were no anesthetics and the wounded man looked up at the surgeon as he cut into his chest to find the bullet. As the cardiac region was opened and the man felt the cool air around his heart, and as the knife cut closer to his heart, he said haltingly, "Surgeon, if you cut much further, you'll touch—the King!"

If a poor earthly king could be so enshrined in the heart of a faithful soldier, how much more should the King born in the form of a child in Bethlehem be enshrined in ours.

It is such a simple faith that we need when we proclaim the Christmas story. It will sustain us.

Let us not be discouraged when others wonder and laugh. They, poor souls, have failed to understand that God has and does reveal himself in unexpected ways.

Let us not be discouraged when others wonder and curse. They, poor souls, have failed to see that in a Child God has put the sign of man's hope.

Let us not be discouraged by those who wonder and strike against our Lord. They, poor souls, have already lost.

Rather let us, with Christ in our hearts, go forth and tell the story with the enthusiasm of the shepherds of old, saying:

"Fear not, for behold, we bring you tidings of great joy which have been and shall be to all people. For in the city of David, a Saviour Christ the Lord was born."

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BROTHER HOOD KENG KEEPS BUSY

Conference Evangvlist Goh Hood Keng has filled the following appointments within the past two months:

October 10—Katong Straits Chinese Methodist Church.
October 12—Katong Presbyterian English Church.
October 19—Katong Straits Chinese Methodist Church.
October 25—Paya Lebar Methodist Church.
October 26—Geylang Straits Chinese Methodist Church.
November 2—Bedok Methodist Church.
November 9—Paya Lebar Methodist Church.
Katong Presbyterian English Church.
November 14—Katong Straits Chinese Methodist Church.
November 16—Katong Straits Chinese Methodist Church.
November 23—Katong Bethesda Church.
November 30—Geylang Straits Chinese Methodist Church.

In addition to this schedule, Brother Hood Keng had the unique experience on Saturday, October 18, of officiating at three weddings in Singapore.

Woman's Society of Christian Service

Helen M. Loomis

PROGRAMME THEME FOR 1953

"Proclaim the Good News"

What is this news? This precious message? It is Jesus Christ—"Love Incarnate, Love Divine," God's revelation of himself to man—the Truth about God: that he cares for us, his human children, cares so much that he has shown us Christ, the Way to our heavenly Father; Christ, the Truth about life, present and eternal, that it may be full meaning.

There are as many ways of telling as there are Christians, for every life was designed by God to be a unique revelation of himself. Even so, the most effective method all dedicated persons have: the way they live. The adage, "What you are speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say," was never more apt than in the matter of personal evangelism. Other ways God will reveal to the earnest seeker who wills above all else to know and to do God's will.

(From W.D.C.S. Worship Booklet)

And so as the Woman's Society in Malaya faces a new conference year let us renew our efforts to "proclaim the Good News" that our purpose may be furthered "to unite all women of the church in Christian living and service; to develop the spiritual life; to take part in such service activities as will strengthen the local church, improve civic, community and world conditions; to study the needs of the world; to seek to enlist women, young people and children in this Christian fellowship; to secure fund for the activities of the local church, and for missionary work."

ANNUAL MEETING OF CONFERENCE W.S.C.S.

On January 3rd the annual meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Malaya Annual Conference will be held at the time of annual conference in Malacca. There will be sessions both in the morning and in the afternoon. An informal planning meeting and committee meetings are planned for the morning of January 2nd, before conference opens. Delegates are asked to check with conference delegates for exact time of meetings.

Delegates. Each local W.S.C.S. is asked to send three delegates. If your society has not selected delegates, please do so now. Send names and addresses to Conference President.

The Nominating Committee in charge of drawing up the slate of nominees for election at the annual meeting is as fellows: Miss K. Clancy, Chairman, of Penang; Mrs. G. S. Arumugam, of Klang; and Miss Dorothy Hsu, of Singapore.

The Programme Committee, Mrs. J. V. Ayaduray and Mrs. Evelyn Chang, Co-Chairmen; with Mrs. Abel Eklund, Chairman of Spiritual Life; and Mrs. Arumugam, Secretary of Missionary Education, have been in charge of programme material for the current year. This committee has received able support from Mrs. Gunnar Teilmann, who has prepared three programmes, and the Rev. Harry Haines, Mrs. Abel Eklund, the Rev. Tom Harris, the Rev. Burr Baughmann, Miss Dorothy Moreira, and Mrs. R. A. Blasdell, all of whom have contributed materials. The *Programme Committee* will continue its work in preparation for the annual meeting.

More about PENANG WAS SCENE

Oon, while accommodation was in charge of Ang Hooi Tek and Ang Lay Bee, and reception was the responsibility of Koav Kew Kew. The talentime programme was directed by Song Ban Kheng and Loh Chooi Beng, with assistance from Tan Khay Choo, Oh Kim Seng, Foo Saw Ai, and Foo Saw Ean. Mr. Lim Loh directed a choir of forty voices in special anthems at church services on Sunday, August 24.

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